

# United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit  
Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

Mark Langer  
Clerk

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## **N-O-T-I-C-E**

**TO:** Counsel Appointed Under the Criminal Justice Act

**FROM:** Mark Langer, Clerk

**RE: Public Disclosure of CJA Payments**

Section 308 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-119, 111 Stat. 2440 (Nov. 26, 1997), provides that amounts paid under the Criminal Justice Act be "made available to the public by the court upon the court's approval of the payment." The provision applies to "cases filed on or after [its] effective date," January 25, 1998 (60 days after enactment on November 26, 1997).

The Court has not yet determined what steps it must take to comply with the Act. Because the Act provides counsel an opportunity to request redaction of certain types of information, counsel should be aware of the Act's provisions, and should be prepared to request redaction, if appropriate under the standards of the Act, when submitting compensation claims to the Court.